



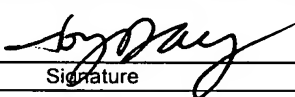
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Applicant: VAILLANT, ANDREW *et al.*

Title: METHODS FOR IDENTIFYING ANTIVIRAL OLIGONUCLEOTIDES

Appl. No. 10/661,355

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NOTICE UNDER 37 CFR §§1.821-825

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In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed January 16, 2004, please amend the application as follows:



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Prior to examination of the present application, Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this document.

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